

Excerpt from THE FASTEST WOMAN ALIVE

EXT SKY DAY

A clear blue sky - empty of all but a few clouds. All is quiet. Then...!

EXPLOSION OF JET ENGINES: Two silver jets blast upward cutting through sky.

INT SABRE JET F-86 DAY

JACKIE COCHRAN, ravishing blonde, 45, eyes on sky, ecstatic. Radio buzz-

YEAGER (RADIO VO)
Tell the tower you're going for it,
Jackie.

JACKIE
Why worry 'em? 25,000 feet.

EXT TWO F-86 JETS DAY

Jets climbing together at incredible speed.

EXT/INT SABRE JET2 DAY

CHUCK YEAGER, 30, easy grin after years of combat, wing on wing with Jackie.

JACKIE (RADIO VO)
Don't fly so close to me, Yeager!

YEAGER
Gotta see your hands on the controls,
Jackie.

INT SABRE JET DAY

Jackie opens throttle, surging higher. Altimeter: 37,000 feet. She looks at sun but SEES GRASS FIRE.

INT EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, CONTROL TOWER DAY

US Air Force and Canadair MONITORS eagerly scan dials and sky. CHART: "May 19, 1953; Jackie Cochran, pilot, test

flight #3, Sabrejet F-86. Maj Charles "Chuck" Yeager flying chase. Take-off 8:05 AM

MONITOR

She's still climbing. Which test is this?

EXT/INT SABRE JETS DAY/NIGHT

Jackie thrilled, seeing daylight fade to stars. Altimeter: 47,000.

JACKIE (VO)

My God. Stars!

They are in clear space night. Millions of stars. INT or EXT of either jet.

YEAGER (VO)

Most guys would look back to earth. Now, Jackie...

JACKIE (VO)

I'm ready, Yeager.

YEAGER (VO)

...a pack of mighty men lost nerve half-way down. There's no skin off no lady who does.

JACKIE (VO)

I'm diving now. You can sit up here working your jaw, or you can come along.

Jackie splits an S curve, dives full-throttle straight down. Blood rush to her head.

YEAGER (VO)

Damn, woman!

Yeager peels off to "chase." Jackie's plane shaking. She holds tight.

YEAGER (VO CONT)

Speed?!

JACKIE (VO)

Mach *.(point)* 96 Shit.

YEAGER (VO)

Your right wing's dropping. Talk to me.

Jackie's wing twisting, about to snap off; the other starts dipping.

JACKIE (VO)

I can't seem to... .97

YEAGER (VO)

Stay conscious. Jackie?

JACKIE (VO)

Don't know if I can... .98.

Violent shaking. Jackie works controls; they do not respond.

JACKIE (VO CONT)

Nothing works. We're about to explode. .99. Ahhh...!

VO CHEERS of crowd.

[as Jackie becomes 1st female to break the sound barrier]

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